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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Eleni A Shiferaw

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-6 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Holloway (Patent No.: US 6,424,718 B1).

As per claim 1, Holloway teaches a method of production and distribution of asymmetric public and private keys between a key generation centre and at least one user unit (DEC), said unit comprising a security module (SM), said method consisting in:

generating certificates comprising a public key and a private key in a first cryptographic unit (KPG) (col. 8 lines 23-26),

coding the private key by means of a service key in the first cryptographic unit (KPG) and storing said private key in a key memory (KPS) (col. 8 lines 26-27),

when sending the keys to a user unit, extracting the keys from the key memory (KPS) (col. 3 lines 42-46, and col. 7 lines 31-36), composing the certification with the public key (col. 3 lines 52-59, and col. 9 lines 66-col. 10 lines 9),

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decoding the corresponding private key by means of the service key in a cryptographic security module (col. 8 lines 66-col. 9 lines 1) and coding it with a transport key of the user (col. 4 lines 30-33, and col. 9 lines 66-col. 10 lines 9).

As per claim 2, Holloway teaches a method, characterized in that the encrypted private key is received by the user unit (DEC) and transmitted to the security module (SM) containing the transport key for decoding and storing the private key (col. 7 lines 13-16 & 31-33, and col. 4 lines 48-51).

As per claim 3, Holloway teaches a method, characterized in that it consists in using several monolithic cryptographic unit to obtain a high speed coding module (col. 9 lines 47-54 and abstract).

As per claims 4-6, Holloway teaches a method, characterized in that it consists in:

coding the public key of the centre with the transport key and transmitting it to the user unit (DEC) (col. 8 lines 1-11 and lines 31-34),

receiving by the user unit, the encrypted public key and transmitting it to the security module (SM) (col. 9 lines 66-col. 10 lines 9, col. 8 lines 34-35, and col. 8 lines 66-col. 9 lines 1),

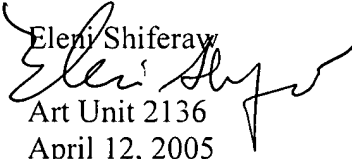
decoding and storing the public key by means of the transport key inside the security module (SM) (col. 9 lines 66-col. 10 lines 9, col. 8 lines 34-35, and col. 8 lines 66-col. 9 lines 1).


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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eleni A Shiferaw whose telephone number is 571-272-3867. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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